

The FCC has allowed media consolidation to get out of hand, and the dangers this poses to public information are manifesting themselves in ways like the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's downright wrong to air ideologically self-serving "documentaries" that advance the interests of the corporation while neglecting -- or outright negating -- the interests of the people in the communities it serves. If nothing else, the corporation should be obligated to air something that takes the opposite position, so that we the people can judge for ourselves between two ideologically driven but opposing viewpoints. This is what democracy means, and this is the obligation those using the public airwaves should be held to.

Sinclair's actions underscore why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken

them.

I would like to hear  
back from you as to  
your intended  
actions on the  
Sinclair/"Stolen  
Honor" issue.